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LETTER DATED 27 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 27 June 1993 from Mr. Mohammed Saïd Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, concerning the attack perpetrated by the United States against Iraq on the morning of 27 June 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 27 June 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to inform you that, this morning, 27 June 1993, the Government of the United States of America committed a cowardly act of military aggression against Iraq. American warships stationed in the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf fired 23 Tomahawk cruise missiles at the headquarters of the Iraqi information service and the nearby civilian districts of Al-Mansour and Al-Ma'moun in the very centre of Baghdad.

This totally unjustified act of aggression has left a large number of dead and wounded among the Iraqi civilian population, including women and children. This was a deliberate terrorist act perpetrated by the Government of the United States of America on grounds which were spurious and unjustified, concocted by the American authorities with the complicity of the leaders of Kuwait.

We condemn this act of aggression by the United States of America and call on the Security Council and the international community to associate themselves with this condemnation and to assume their responsibilities by halting the repeated barbaric attacks against Iraq and other countries and peoples of the world, as evidenced by current events in Somalia.

A few days before the cowardly American attack on the city of Baghdad, an American U-2 spy plane flew over the city for several hours, on the pretext of carrying out reconnaissance operations as part of the activities of the United Nations Special Commission. This constitutes irrefutable evidence that the American U-2 spy plane was used for espionage operations in preparation for the American attack on Iraq.

The silence maintained by the United Nations in the face of the persistent crimes perpetrated by the United States against Iraq and the peoples of the world has encouraged the belligerent United States regime to persist in this course of action and seek to secure world hegemony by means of armed force, State terrorism and blackmail.

The whole world can see clearly that the United States is using its armed force in an aggressive and barbaric manner in order to accomplish its goal of imposing its hegemony on the peoples of the world.

(Signed) Mohammed Saïd AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq